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In response to the communication from Licensing & Review dated April 22, 2004,
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2. That we made and conceived this invention while employed by GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, a corporation of New York, and to whom we have assigned all right, title and interest by virtue of a previously-filed Assignment document; that the invention is related to the work we were employed to perform and was made within the scope of our duties; that the invention was made during working hours and with the use

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be "useful in the production or utilization of special nuclear material or atomic energy" as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2182 (Department of Energy (DOE)).

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